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**25TH FEBRUARY 2024**

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection</b>			<b>First Communion Enrolment at all Masses in English</b>	
Sat	24th	17:30	Steven Holding (Health)	St Patrick's
<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	25th	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	Tom Sellers and Kelvin Romero -Anniversaries	Our Lady's
		11:00	Tudor De Silva	St Patrick's
		12:30	Baptisms – Karolina & Michal Franczak & Dawid Orlik	St Patrick's
		15:00	Stations of the Cross	St Patrick's
Mon	26th	<b>Ferial</b> Holy Communion lessons begin		
Tue	27th	<b>Ferial</b> 12:00 John Gorman (Health) St Patrick's		
Wed	28th	<b>Ferial</b> 12:00 Charles, Sarah, Sven and Lloyd (Health) Our Lady's		
Thurs	29th	<b>The Chair of St Peter, Apostle</b>		
		11:00	Pearl Healy Funeral Service	St Patrick's
		19:00	Carmel Wright (Health)	St Patrick's
Fri	1st	<b>St David, Bishop, Patron Saint of Wales</b>		
		12:00	Terrance Rowley Birthday	St Patrick's
		18:00	Mass in Polish after Way of the Cross	St Patrick's
Sat	2nd	17:30	Maria Aguofia 7th Anniversary	St Patrick's
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	3rd	08:45	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
		09:00	In Thanksgiving – Joel Sebin	Our Lady's
		11:00	For Our Parishioners	St Patrick's
		15:00	Stations of the Cross	Our Lady's

### SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

30 minutes before weekday Masses

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**SAFEGUARDING:** Parish: Moira Shrimpton 07540 723614; Diocese: Andrew O'Brien 0151 652 9855.

**LIVESTREAM:** Our Masses from St Patrick's are available online at <https://churchservices.tv/wellington>

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings are taken from a Children's version of the Mass.

### FIRST READING *Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18*

A reading from the book of Genesis

One day, God called Abraham.

"Abraham, Abraham" he called.

"I am here." said Abraham.

"I want you to give me your son. I know you love him very much; take him to a hill and I will be there."

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to Abraham, he got ready to let God look after his son, but at that very moment God said, "Abraham, Abraham, you don't have to. I just wanted to know if you really trusted me.

So now I am going to trust you with many things – as many as the stars in the sky and the grains of sand on the seashore."

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 115*

Response: **I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living**

### SECOND READING *Romans 8: 31-34*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

What can we say about all this?

If God is on our side, can anyone be against us?

I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love –

not life or death, not angels or spirits,  
not the present or the future,  
and not the powers above or powers below.

Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, word of God.

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him".

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, word of God.

### THE GOSPEL

*Mark 9: 2-10*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and went up on high mountain where they could be alone.

There in front of the disciples Jesus was completely changed, and his clothes became whiter than any bleach on earth could make them.

Then Moses and Elijah were there talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus. "Teacher, it is wonderful for us to be here. Let us make three shelters; one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

But Peter and the others were terribly frightened, and he didn't know what he was talking about.

The shadow of a cloud passed over and covered them. From the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!"

At once the disciples looked around but they only saw Jesus.

As Jesus and his disciples were coming down the mountain, he told not to say a word about what they had seen, until the Son of Man had had been raised from death. So they kept it to themselves.

But they wondered what he meant by the words "Raised from death".

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## LENT

Each Sunday during Lent at 3pm there will be Stations of the Cross.

25<sup>th</sup> February – St Patrick's Church - SVP  
3<sup>rd</sup> March – Our Lady's Church - Choir  
10<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Church – Myanga  
17<sup>th</sup> March – Our Lady's Church - Phillip  
24<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Church - Youth

## LENTEN RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS

All are welcome to our Lenten Reconciliation celebrations to be led by Canon Jonathan Mitchell. **Wednesday, 20 March, 7pm**, Our Lady's Trench: Holy Eucharist with opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness.

**Thursday, 21 March, 7pm**, St Patrick's, Wellington: Holy Eucharist with opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness.

Fr Ravi is also available, 30 minutes before every mass for Confessions.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

: Most of our parishioners who are housebound or unable to attend church for health related reasons, were visited before Christmas, at least once.

Now, Fr Ravi has started these visits again, hoping to visit the sick and housebound in our parishes, before Easter. If you are visiting anyone regularly or if you are aware of anyone in need of a pastoral visit, please do let Fr Ravi know after obtaining consent from the person concerned or the next of kin.

## PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer all who have died, all who are mourning the death of a loved one, especially **Pearl Healy** (Funeral 29<sup>th</sup> February), and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### Holy Communion

The course began with a meeting for parents on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm at St Patrick's.

Enrolment Masses are being held this weekend. These Masses are likely to be very busy.

Lessons begin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> in St Patrick's Church, Our Lady's Church and St Patrick's School.

Holy Communion Masses will be in May.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anybody who is interested in Adult Baptism and Reception into full Communion with the Catholic Church should speak to Fr Ravi as soon as possible. Sessions are held on Thursday evenings after 7pm Mass. If you would like to accompany the candidates on their journey please come along.

## MEETINGS FOR VOLUNTEERS TOWARDS FORMING MINISTRY TEAMS AT ALL LEVELS: Wednesday, 28 February, 7pm at St Patrick's and Saturday, 2 March, 10am at Our Lady's:

Agenda - Faith Formation and Faith Celebration

Volunteers already involved in any of the following ministries or would like to be involved, are welcome to attend:

Catechists for Sacramental preparation, Sunday Liturgy with children, Foundation Governors, Newsletter, Bible Study, RCIA, Altar Servers, Choir, EMHC, Readers, Offertory Collectors, Ushers, Welcoming Team, Christmas/Holy Week

## Wednesday, 6 March, 7pm at St Patrick's and Saturday, 9 March, 10am at Our Lady's:

Agenda – Faith Action, Administration and Maintenance, Groups and Pious Associations

Volunteers already involved in any of the following ministries or would like to be involved, are welcome to attend:

CAFOD, Churches Together, Inter-Faith, Flower arrangers, Local Missionary Area, Meeting room, Hall, Offertory counting, Pastoral Care of the sick, Piety stall, Rota organisers, Sacristans, Safeguarding, Socials/event managers, Accounts, Car Park, Cleaners, Gardens, Health & Safety, Offertory Banking, Office, Sound System, Property Maintenance, Website, Social media, Adorers, Bereavement, Book club, Catenians, CWL, Justice & Peace, Myanga, SVP, Wednesday Word, Youth Mission: Representatives from these different areas of parish life and ministries will eventually form the Parish Pastoral Team (PPT) for each parish and the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for St Patrick's and Our Lady's together.

## MONEY MATTERS

St Patrick's	£ 1233.95
Our Lady's	£ 392.75

Priests Retirement Fund £425

Please add any late donations to the gold box.

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Envelopes for the new tax year will be available soon. Standing order and gift aid forms are always available from the porch.

If you are registered for gift aid but your tax status changes, please let the office know.

## ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The monthly Ecumenical Service for February will be on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Church, Oakengates, starting at 7.00pm with the theme, Lenten Reflection.

For further details please contact Pauline Heffernan [paulineheffernan60@gmail.com](mailto:paulineheffernan60@gmail.com)

## PARKING

### Our Lady's

If there are no parking bays left when you arrive at Mass, please leave by the OUT GATE and park up the hill to the left or drive around to Church Road and park in the bays there.

You must not park behind the cars parked in the bays as this restricts access to the through-flow of traffic and would make emergency vehicle access impossible.

### St Patrick's

Do not park in front of the church doors. If the car park is full, please use the Railway Station parking. If you are fit and can mobilise easily, please leave the church parking for those less able to walk from the station.

## STEWARDS NEEDED

It is vital that our parishioners and visitors are kept safe and that we have enough people to steward, especially when we have large numbers in attendance.

A meeting has been arranged for all those volunteers who wish to help to steward masses during Holy Week at St Patrick's. The meeting will take place following 7.00pm Mass at approximately 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 14th March in St Patrick's meeting room.

If more details are required, please contact Michael Day on 07770 460646 or Fr Ravi.



### A CELEBRATION FOR FATHER ALBAN

You are invited to Father Alban's Retirement Afternoon Tea Party on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at All Saint's Parish Hall TF1 1DG.

Numbers are limited so please sign up on the register in the porch at both churches.

There will be a box in the porch for cards and donations for those who didn't get a chance previously.

We are also looking for any photos of Father Alban. Please add a short description of the place and occasion where it was taken and your name so that we can return them.

Please put the photos in an envelope in the box or email them to [cctelford@gmail.com](mailto:cctelford@gmail.com)



### ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Both churches have active SVP groups and always welcome new members.

The next meetings are at Our Lady's on 12<sup>th</sup> March and St Patrick's on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**Food and Baby Bank:** Collection boxes are in the porch.

## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 Overland: Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August

By Air: Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August

Details of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes have now been released and are available together with Booking Forms from the large envelopes at the back of church.

We shall form an **East Shropshire in Lourdes Group**, so that all those joining from the parishes of our East Shropshire Deanery can travel and stay together in Lourdes.

Booking forms and payment are made direct to the Diocese.



## SHREWSBURY YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2024 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Age 16 – 22 Cost £725

Information and forms are available from  
[youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

Closing date for Applications is  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Palm (Passion) Sunday 23/24 March

Palm crosses will be blessed at each Mass.

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

#### Mass of the Chrism

Saint Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch at 7pm.

### Holy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

#### Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

St Patrick's Church at 7.00pm.

*(in English and Polish languages)*

Our Lady's at 7.30pm

*Watching until 10pm. (both churches)*

### Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

#### Solemn Celebration of the Passion

In both churches at 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross at 5.30pm *(Polish)*

**Solemn Celebration of the Passion (Polish) 6.00pm**

### Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March

#### The Easter Vigil

Our Lady's Church at 7pm

St Patrick's Church at 7.30pm.

*(in English and Polish languages)*

### Easter Sunday Morning 31<sup>st</sup> March

Masses at the normal times

## WREKIN MALE VOICE CHOIR

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm at The Memorial Hall, Wrekin College, The Wrekin Male Voice Choir is presenting a Concert in aid of The Air Ambulance. Tickets are £10 each and are available from Lewis Neilson on 07401 892464.